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ABSTRACT

This document is a summary of the findings of the 1997 San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) Senior Survey. The survey is a multiple-choice response questionnaire administered to all San Francisco public high school seniors. Students were asked a series of questions about their plans for work and higher education after high school graduation. Included in the report is information on career and higher education plans of high school seniors, including which postsecondary educational institution students plan to attend. This information is provided at the school district level and is broken down by individual high school and ethnicity. Some of the main findings include: (1) of the 2,364 San Francisco seniors responding to this survey, 1725 plan to go to college, 455 plan to start a job, and 184 have other goals; (2) over 400 respondents indicated an intention to enroll at City College of San Francisco; and (3) post-high school plans vary by ethnicity--African Americans, American Indians, and Latinos are more likely to begin a job and less likely to continue their education after graduation than is the general population. Ambitions also vary by San Francisco's high schools. (JJL)

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SFUSD SENIOR SURVEY SUMMARY • 1997

Enclosed is a summary of the findings of the 1997 San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) Senior Survey. Included is information on career and higher education plans of high school seniors including which post-secondary educational institutions students plan to attend. This information is provided at the school district level and is also broken down by individual high school and ethnicity.

The 1997 SFUSD Senior Survey is a multiple choice response questionnaire administered to all San Francisco public high school seniors during May of their senior year. For the class of 1997, the survey includes 2364 total valid respondents from a senior class of 3469, or about 68.1% of all SF seniors. Students were asked a series of questions about their plans for work and higher education after high school graduation.

Of the 2364 San Francisco seniors responding to this survey, 1725 plan to go to college, 455 plan to start a job or receive job training, and 184 have other goals (Table 1). Over 400 respondents indicated an intention to enroll at City College of San Francisco. This compares to the nearly 1000 enrollments from recent SFUSD graduates City College receives each year. This discrepancy may be due to seniors not completing the survey or students changing their educational plans. The largest number of students intend to go to CCSF (412 students), SFSU (330), UC Davis (156), and UC Berkeley (124) (Table 2).

Post high school plans vary by ethnicity. African Americans, American Indians, and Latinos are more likely begin a job and less likely to continue their education after graduation than is the general population (Table 3). African Americans, Filipinos, and Latinos also plan to attend UC at well below average rates. Chinese, Japanese, and Korean students plan to attend UC at much higher than average rates. Over 7% of African Americans would like to attend college but are undecided about where to attend, compared to a little over 3% uncertainty in the general population.

Ambitions also vary greatly among San Francisco's high schools. While 16% of SFUSD seniors indicated an intention to join the workforce after graduation, students at Balboa, Downtown, Independence, International Study Academy, McAteer, School of the Arts, Twain, and Wells high schools plan to start jobs at a higher rate (Table 4). Furthermore, students from Balboa, Independence, Lincoln, McAteer, Mission, O'Connel, Twain, and Wells high schools plan on attending CCSF at greater than average rates for City high school seniors. Seniors from International Study Academy, Lowell, and Wallenberg high schools indicate an intention to attend UC in greater numbers than students at other SF high schools.

The following four tables provide more detailed findings of the survey. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact David Hyde in the Office of Research, Planning & Grants at 239-3227 or email dhyde@ccsf.cc.ca.us.

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TABLE 1: POST GRADUATION PLANS OF 1997 SFUSD SENIORS

Number / Percentage	All Respondents
Job	377 15.9%
Trade School	78 3.3%
Total Workforce	**455** **19.2%**
CCSF	412 17.4%
Other 2 Year	186 7.9%
CSU	467 19.8%
UC	421 17.8%
Other 4 year	160 6.8%
Unknown	79 3.3%
Total College	**1725** **73.0%**
Other Goals	**184** **7.8%**
Total	**2364**

TABLE 2: COLLEGE CHOICE OF 1997 SFUSD SENIORS INDICATING COLLEGE PLANS

	Total Number	Percentage of College Goers
CCSF	412	23.9%
College of San Mateo	86	5.0%
Skyline College	51	3.0%
College of Marin	10	0.6%
Heald College	3	0.2%
Other 2 year	36	2.1%
CSU-San Francisco	330	19.1%
CSU-San Jose	60	3.5%
CSU-Hayward	22	1.3%
CSU-San Luis Obispo	21	1.2%
CSU-Other	34	2.0%
UC-Davis	156	9.0%
UC-Berkeley	124	7.2%
UC-Santa Cruz	56	3.2%
UC-Los Angeles	28	1.6%
UC-Other	57	3.3%
USF	20	1.2%
Stanford	8	0.5%
University of the Pacific	8	0.5%

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Other 4 year	124	7.2%
Unknown	79	4.6%
Total	**1725**	**100.0%**

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TABLE 3: POST GRADUATION PLANS OF 1997 SFUSD SENIORS BY ETHNICITY

Number / Percentage	African American	American Indian	Chinese	Filipino	Japanese	Korean	Latino	Other Non-White	White	Unknown	All Seniors
Job	57 25.2%	1 25.0%	120 11.7%	30 16.3%	2 6.5%	4 16.0%	75 23.9%	37 13.3%	48 17.5%	3 100.0%	**377** **15.9%**
Trade School	16 7.1%	0 0.0%	9 0.9%	8 4.3%	1 3.2%	1 4.0%	20 6.4%	15 5.4%	8 2.9%	0 0.0%	**78** **3.3%**
CCSF	29 12.8%	0 0.0%	191 18.6%	44 23.9%	6 19.4%	1 4.0%	56 17.8%	53 19.1%	32 11.7%	0 0.0%	**412** **17.4%**
Other 2 Year	16 7.1%	1 25.0%	82 8.0%	13 7.1%	6 19.4%	1 4.0%	19 6.1%	22 7.9%	26 9.5%	0 0.0%	**186** **7.9%**
CSU	42 18.6%	0 0.0%	208 20.3%	48 26.1%	3 9.7%	3 12.0%	56 17.8%	67 24.1%	40 14.6%	0 0.0%	**467** **19.8%**
UC	7 3.1%	1 25.0%	280 27.3%	13 7.1%	9 29.0%	10 40.0%	16 5.1%	35 12.6%	50 18.2%	0 0.0%	**421** **17.8%**
Other 4 year	26 11.5%	0 0.0%	46 4.5%	6 3.3%	2 6.5%	3 12.0%	21 6.7%	19 6.8%	37 13.5%	0 0.0%	**160** **6.8%**
Unknown	17 7.5%	1 25.0%	33 3.2%	2 1.1%	0 0.0%	1 4.0%	13 4.1%	7 2.5%	5 1.8%	0 0.0%	**79** **3.3%**
Other Goals	16 7.1%	0 0.0%	56 5.5%	20 10.9%	2 6.5%	1 4.0%	38 12.1%	23 8.3%	28 10.2%	0 0.0%	**184** **7.8%**
Total	**226**	**4**	**1025**	**184**	**31**	**25**	**314**	**278**	**274**	**3**	**2364**
% of returned surveys	9.6%	0.2%	43.4%	7.8%	1.3%	1.1%	13.3%	11.8%	11.6%	0.1%	
% of SFUSD seniors	12.2%	0.4%	36.4%	9.2%	1.3%	1.9%	15.2%	12.4%	11.1%	0.0%	

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TABLE 4: POST GRADUATION PLANS OF 1997 SFUSD SENIORS BY HIGH SCHOOL

Number / Percentage	Balboa	Burton	Down-town	Galileo	Indepen-dence	Intl. Study Academy	Lincoln	Lowell	McAteer	Mission	O'Connel	School of the Arts	Twain	Wallen-berg	Wash-ington	Wells	All Seniors
Job	4	26	10	37	29	16	39	74	35	13	14	10	4	8	54	4	377
	26.7%	10.7%	38.5%	17.5%	34.5%	28.6%	14.1%	11.9%	29.7%	11.9%	19.4%	20.0%	21.1%	7.3%	15.8%	40.0%	15.9%
Trade School	0	11	5	4	6	1	10	3	11	3	8	3	1	2	9	1	78
	0.0%	4.5%	19.2%	1.9%	7.1%	1.8%	3.6%	0.5%	9.3%	2.8%	11.1%	6.0%	5.3%	1.8%	2.6%	10.0%	3.3%
CCSF	4	41	3	42	22	4	71	73	34	33	16	4	8	10	45	2	412
	26.7%	16.9%	11.5%	19.8%	26.2%	7.1%	25.7%	11.7%	28.8%	30.3%	22.2%	8.0%	42.1%	9.2%	13.2%	20.0%	17.4%
Other 2 Year	0	16	0	5	2	3	33	52	8	4	4	5	3	19	32	0	186
	0.0%	6.6%	0.0%	2.4%	2.4%	5.4%	12.0%	8.3%	6.8%	3.7%	5.6%	10.0%	15.8%	17.4%	9.4%	0.0%	7.9%
CSU	6	71	5	53	2	16	72	96	10	21	23	6	0	22	64	0	467
	40.0%	29.3%	19.2%	25.0%	2.4%	28.6%	26.1%	15.4%	8.5%	19.3%	31.9%	12.0%	0.0%	20.2%	18.7%	0.0%	19.8%
UC	1	39	0	32	0	12	21	216	6	6	2	10	0	25	51	0	421
	6.7%	16.1%	0.0%	15.1%	0.0%	21.4%	7.6%	34.6%	5.1%	5.5%	2.8%	20.0%	0.0%	22.9%	14.9%	0.0%	17.8%
Other 4 year	0	15	2	13	2	2	7	66	6	1	3	11	0	11	19	2	160
	0.0%	6.2%	7.7%	6.1%	2.4%	3.6%	2.5%	10.6%	5.1%	0.9%	4.2%	22.0%	0.0%	10.1%	5.6%	20.0%	6.8%
Unknown	0	6	1	8	5	0	8	19	4	2	0	0	1	8	17	0	79
	0.0%	2.5%	3.8%	3.8%	6.0%	0.0%	2.9%	3.0%	3.4%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	7.3%	5.0%	0.0%	3.3%
Other Goals	0	17	0	18	16	2	15	25	4	26	2	1	2	4	51	1	184
	0.0%	7.0%	0.0%	8.5%	19.0%	3.6%	5.4%	4.0%	3.4%	23.9%	2.8%	2.0%	10.5%	3.7%	14.9%	10.0%	7.8%
Total	15	242	26	212	84	56	276	624	118	109	72	50	19	109	342	10	2364
% returning survey	7.5%	84.3%	46.4%	76.8%	56.8%	50.0%	77.1%	89.4%	51.1%	79.0%	100.0%	46.7%	76.0%	69.4%	60.5%	71.4%	